

Be Devoted
Romans 12:10
November 20, 2016

1. Pastor Jim defined being devoted to one another as the idea of being so committed to one another that you have their best interests in mind. It's the concept of loyalty and putting the interests of others above your own. Who comes to mind when you think of this type of person? Share with your group why this person comes to mind and describe their influence on your life.
2. Absalom is described as someone who is incredibly selfish and prideful. Why is it that selfish people will never have others' best interests in mind? How is pride at the root of so much sin?
3. Ahithophel is described as someone who is very intelligent. How does the wisdom of this world often prevent us from seeking the wisdom of God? Read 1 Corinthians 1:18-25. What does Paul say about the wisdom of this world? How then do we gain godly wisdom? (See Psalm 119:98-99).
4. Joab is described as person full of anger and bitterness. Why is it that an angry person will not be devoted to others? What will they instead be devoted to? How can anger and bitterness come to destroy a person?
5. Pastor Jim described those who were devoted to David as compassionate, sympathetic, grateful and God-fearing. If Jesus is our perfect example of each of these traits, discuss how each of these traits is seen in His life. How can you begin to emulate these specific traits? The following verses illuminate some of these traits in the life of Jesus: Matthew 9:36; Mark 10:45; Luke 7:13, 19:10; John 10:11, 11:35, 41-42, 12:49.
6. Take time to pray with your group. Ask God to empower you by His Spirit to emulate the life of Jesus in order that you may be devoted to others. Ask God to also forgive you for times where you may have been prideful or self-seeking.